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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA

REF: STATE 123690

1. RESPONSE TO QUESTION (A) REFTEL:

GOM PUBLIC POSITION CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS UNFAVORABLE AND INEXTRICABLY INTERTWINED WITH ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT. BEST AND STILL VALID SUMMARY OF GOM PUBLIC POSITION CONTAINED PORT LOUIS 0246, APRIL 4, 1975. ADDITIONALLY, ON MAY 17 PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM REFERRED PUBLICLY, WITH APPARENT APPROBATION, TO AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL AT COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTER'S CONFERENCE EARLY MAY THAT APPROACHES BE MADE TO US AND USSR TO REDUCE THEIR PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. RESPONSE TO QUESTION (B):

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MOST AUTHORITATIVE PRIVATE GOM POSITION, I.E., RAMGOOLAM'S

PERSONAL STANCE BEST DESCRIBED PORT LOUIS 0793, ESPECIALLY PARA (3) AND PORT LOUIS 0741, BOTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1974. ONLY SUBSEQUENT CHANGE MIGHT BE IN DIRECTION OF HARDENING HIS POSITION AGAINST OUR DIEGO EXPANSION TO DEFUSE INTERNAL OPPOSITION AND PLACATE NON-ALIGNED AND SOVIETS.

3. WORST THING WE COULD DO IS TO ALLUDE IN ANY WAY IN OPEN TESTIMONY TO RAMGOOLAM'S PRIVATE POSITION AS INDICATED IN CONFIDENCE TO ME AND A FEW OTHERS.

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